

'THE THINKING HEART'

Word of welcome

Ladies and gentlemen,

We cordially welcome you in the Temple of the Golden Rosycross.
In the silence of this Temple, we would tonight like to reflect on our heart,
and on the role that our heart plays in the new thinking of the New Man.
Between the texts, there will be moments of silent reflection
and also a few musical interludes.

Just imagine that every thought you have is aglow with pure, crystal-clear knowledge,
and that this knowing thought simultaneously sets your heart aglow,
so that a feeling develops that is completely one with this thought.
Through this intimate cooperation of thought and feeling,
the path to the will is opened in an absolutely harmonious way
which, without any wilfulness, sets in motion what is necessary
to turn this 'feeling and knowing thought' into action. Just imagine this!

This concerns a knowledge to which you have access deeply within yourself,
so that you live in the loving certainty that guides your thinking
and stimulates you to do the right things and to make the right decisions.

What freedom! There is no longer any weighing and pondering!

Very short musical interlude

How often did it not occur that you,
right in the middle of a number of thoughts about a certain topic
or about a decision, waiting for you to make, were suddenly overtaken by doubt,
whether this is the right train of thoughts that you are following.
And that, if this is perhaps not the case, which direction you should then take.
Not knowing if your thoughts follow the right track,
but nevertheless knowing that your ultimate decision has large consequences
creates enormous tension and often also sleepless nights.

In such situations, we discover that we are actually unable to rely on our own thinking, on our thinking faculty.

This is strange, because our thinking faculty is our highest good.

Nevertheless, we seem unable to fathom things, if they do not concern concrete matters.

Time and again, we stop before obstacles

that we are unable to level with our ‘habitual thinking’.

Sometimes it seems as if we are still unable to think at all,

or that we merely speculate about it and then take a leap in the dark,

hoping that we will land on our feet.

Nevertheless, we have accomplished a great deal with our head, with our thinking.

We have explored, mapped and fathomed the earth,

we have opened it and discovered ores and minerals and how we might use them.

We dove deeply into the seas and studied life there.

We built spacecraft and explored the skies, the Moon, Mars.

We also opened our body and discovered the coherence of our system.

We can recognise and detect hitches and irregularities and have found remedies for them.

We know which organs of which animals are beneficial against human ailments.

We developed an imitation human brain for everyone,

the computer, and distributed it worldwide,

so that millions of people are linked in an almost immaterial way.

We enter ever more subtle realms of matter, radiation and energy.

It is as if we almost play with ‘immateriality’,

for instance by inventing ever smaller equipment, in which ever more facts can be stored.

Indeed, our mind has developed, it has ‘grown up’.

For this development, we have completely based ourselves on external observations.

Thousands of years of observing and fathoming everything

that was and is perceptible to our senses, are lying behind us,

To this end, we used everything available around us: the earth, the air, the sea, the fire,

the vegetable kingdom, and the human and the animal body.

A moment of silence

We have come an incredibly long way with this development, but now it seems as if we nevertheless approach a limit. It appears that we are, for instance, unable to understand and fathom the abstraction, spirituality and emotional values with our traditional way of thinking. If it concerns this kind of matters, our 'ordinary thinking' that is used to conform to demonstrable and visible facts and objects, is woefully inadequate.

Indeed, if our mind nevertheless wants to concentrate on these matters, it distorts and disfigures that on which it concentrates, because the logical mind is unable to fathom abstract and spiritual values.

Not so long ago, the dominant mind was so arrogant as to dismiss what it was unable to fathom as 'non-existing nonsense'. However, this happens ever less frequently, because the mind itself becomes aware that it has approached the limit of matter, of what is tangible, factual and demonstrable. Then consciousness of the reality behind this border originates.

The infinite realm existing beyond this border and, as the mind has discovered, having in some way a connection with the inner human being, is inaccessible to mental thinking, to the 'old thinking' of the human being.

The 'old thinking' not only refers to logical thinking, used to zero in on tangibles, proofs and facts, but also to the thinking that is adjusted to defending the I, and has an attitude of: 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth'.

This old thinking, with which we have managed for millions of years and by which we now, together with the world around us, threaten to perish, approaches its end.

You know that we are living at the beginning of the Age of Aquarius.

You know the symbol:
the Waterman pours out his pitcher of Living Water over humanity.
A new cosmic impulse begins to approach us.
We will change under the influence of this impulse.
This will not occur without a struggle, but this tendency has already started long ago:
Liberty, Equality, Fraternity (the French revolution).

Less long ago, for instance, the financial world,
 this stronghold of inaccessibility and lack of transparency, built on air,
 was by a strong crisis forced to more openness and transparency,
 completely in line with Aquarius.

Openness, transparency, freedom, ‘an open mind’,
 all of them are the values of Aquarius, the values of the heart.
 These energies approach the world
 and touch man and society with the power of a thunderbolt.

Due to these large, cosmic movements, humanity is at this moment in an uproar.

The confusion is omnipresent and the old certainties collapse like houses of cards.
 Increasingly, the modern human being is confronted with situations,
 in which he can no longer appeal to old values.
 He has to fend for himself.
 This causes great tensions and uncertainties.
 Now he himself is the great responsible one.

Musical interlude

During the past centuries,
 we were ***not*** continuously confronted with these inner uncertainties;
 after all, people were thinking for us.
 The church and the king were the authorities, who knew how we should live
 and what we should do and not do.
 And then ... it was good!

But that time has passed.
 We have liberated ourselves from the authoritarian institutions;
 the church and the law lost their decisive, structural place in our lives.

During the past seventy years, the authoritative element strongly shifted
 from outside the human being to within the human being.
 And we began to ask questions,
 of which the church and the law had implicitly decided
 that we should rather not ask them.

However, now they cropped up anyway:

who was the human being, where did he actually come from,
where did his properties stem from, where did certain thoughts come from?

Who was God, *where* was God and does he actually exist?

Why was he sometimes seized by an intense feeling of homesickness,
homesickness for what and where did this feeling stem from?

Where did this deep longing stem from that lived in him and that he was unable to place?

He wanted to become acquainted with himself,
fathom the secret of himself and he discovered that he was unable
to solve these questions with his ordinary intelligence.

His inner being shut itself down for his own, rational approach.

His mind that had been able to make brilliant discoveries,
did not know which path he should take in order to be able
to answer these questions concerning his descent, his essence and himself.
Questions that seemed to be so simple and so close to home,
could not be answered by the rational mind.

In his longing for knowledge concerning himself
in order to liberate himself from his ever more complex state of life in this way,
he created new authorities to whom he might turn for help.
During the last fifty years, he frequently consulted psychologists, therapists, clairvoyants.
He let his aura, his chakras and his hands be read to gain knowledge about himself.
He heard a great deal, often interesting things, but he did not come closer to the secret.

Something else was needed, namely a new approach, a new way of thinking.

A moment of silence

Musical interlude

Ever more people now discover that they not only need their head,
but also the intelligence of their heart to function properly in the current, changing world.

They discover that their mind needs the warmth of their heart to achieve insight
with regard to all essential things of life.

The time, in which we live, demands an open heart.

Our heart, of old the seat and the symbol of love, of sensual as well as of spiritual love, is a wondrous organ and contains a great secret.

In the depth of our heart, our descent lies namely hidden, eternity.
And if our heart is open, this nucleus of eternity, this spirit-spark from the beginning, has a direct link with the sphere of its descent.

Its abode is the ever-present Light that is omnipresent around us,
but can only approach us and forge a link with us at the moment that our heart is open.

A short moment of silence

But how do we open our heart?
We cannot do or want this just like that. No!
Nevertheless, we keep the key in our own hands.
It is our homesickness, our silent, nameless longing
that dwells deep in the hearts of all of us.

This deep longing is the key, with which our heart can be opened.
If we were now to allow ourselves to grant the right to exist
to this undefined feeling of homesickness and longing,
and we would, instead of ignoring it,
concentrate on it with our full attention and self-surrender and link ourselves with it,
then we would *nourish* this longing in our heart.

Our rational thinking will immediately take a step back and our heart will become soft
and open forth to be able to receive 'The Light', the Gnostic Light power.

If we have an open, pure heart, our head will release all its bits and pieces,
and our thinking will be fertilised by the Light that was received by the heart.
Then a completely new way of thinking is generated that,
due to the cooperation and the link with the heart, is nourished by Light and Love.

This thinking will contain the deep knowledge,
of which we spoke at the beginning of this meeting.
Complete harmony between head, heart and hands,
between thinking, feeling and willing will develop.

The properties of this new way of thinking are openness, purity and transparency.
They are the values of Aquarius.

A new cosmic impulse approaches humanity and begins to affect it.
This impulse brings us an opportunity, an opening we might say,
to achieve a higher spiral of consciousness.

It is the new consciousness, the new thinking
that may originate from an open, intelligent heart, which can receive
and pass on Gnostic Light power to our consciousness.
Then our brain receives a new impulse and the mental thinking can be relinquished.

Then the thinking is generated that is linked with wisdom.

It is the task of the human being in this time:
through self-activation, we should pave the way within ourselves
for a new, open thinking, for a completely different mode of life.

We should learn to understand that we are 'done' with the old thinking,
the thinking of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.
We are finished with rationalising.
We need not hate it, because it brought us a great deal, but we are finished with it.

Our own open heart will make us conscious
that behind the border of facts and the demonstrable,
there is a reality... a land that acknowledges other values.
In the warmth of heart that strives for insight, our soul develops.
The latter prepares to enter this other land: the land of the Light.

And if *we* enter the path of the development of the soul,
we leave everything behind that we gathered of material certainties and self-maintenance.
It is no longer of any use to the new thinking.
Without all of this, we may and can continue.

The new time, the Age of Aquarius, invites us to live in a different way...
on the basis of an open heart with a growing consciousness of who we really are:
pioneers of the developing new soul.
To this end, we systematically turn to our origin: the land of the Light and the true Life.

Musical interlude

There is no empty space:

As self-maintenance and selfishness decrease,
love, self-knowledge and insight increase.

Then, the notion of the smallness of the 'I' and the greatness of this 'Other' grows.

Then the respect for the splendidly radiant being that we bear as a seed within us, grows,
a being, irradiated by knowledge and wisdom.

In the process, which humanity has now entered, the development of a new thinking,
we urgently need the intelligence of our opened heart.

Surrendering to this intelligence, our mind will experience a baptism of love,
and a surfacing of Gnostic impulses from our heart will then affect our thinking.

It concerns a thinking linked with wisdom; a New Man is born.